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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 583
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Jamie Hill Garrett upon becoming the owner and operator of the *Pickett County Press*.

WHEREAS, since 1939, when Norman Hill began the county's first bona fide newspaper, the *Pickett County News*, the people of Pickett County have relied upon the Hill family for local news; and

WHEREAS, his work as a newspaperman was interrupted by World War II when he went to work in a Detroit defense plant, and in 1944, he worked in Oak Ridge until the war's end; Mr. Hill then went to back to Byrdstown to work in sales, and in 1949, he became mail circulation supervisor and mail subscription representative for the *Nashville Banner* and *The Tennessean*; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from his work with the Nashville newspapers, Norman Hill began to work at the *Pickett County Press*, of which he later became editor; and

WHEREAS, Norman Hill's son, James, had been living in Nashville with his wife and daughter Jamie at the time, and when daughter Jamie was old enough she spent her summer months with her grandparents, watching Norman Hill in his work; and

WHEREAS, upon moving his family back to Byrdstown, in 1974, James purchased the *Pickett County Press* and began to learn the business from his father; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, Norman Hill suffered a fatal heart attack, leaving James to keep the newspaper in circulation with the able assistance of his daughter Jamie, who delivered papers to the racks and inserted flyers after school and between school activities; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Jamie earned a degree in Finance from Tennessee Technological University. Having been involved with the *Press* for some time, Jamie co-published the *Lake-Times News*, a tabloid-sized newspaper promoting the Dale Hollow Lake area; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 1999, Jamie and her husband Darrell purchased the *Pickett County Press* from her father, who had published the newspaper for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Jamie and her father will continue to work alongside one another at the *Press* and they look forward to taking the newspaper into the new millennium; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate Jamie Hill Garrett upon taking over as owner and operator of the *Pickett County Press*, continuing a family tradition of reporting the news to the people of Pickett County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish for her and her father every success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.